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The Conservative Viewpoint

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Marriage is the union between a man and a woman.

- Across the country, activists are using liberal judges to overturn the traditional definition of marriage, instead of going through state legislatures like they should be.
- Sources indicate that the Massachusetts decision on homosexual marriage will be announced on Saturday, July 12th. This decision is expected to have the effect of legalizing homosexual marriage in Massachusetts.
- If homosexual couples could legally marry in Massachusetts, they could seek to have their marriages recognized by other states. These efforts could force the U.S. Supreme Court, which last month ruled that the Constitution protects private sexual conduct between homosexuals, to decide whether state and federal laws banning same-sex marriage are constitutional.
- That's why we need a Federal Marriage Amendment to ensure that only elected representatives have the right to determine the definition of marriage.
- The Amendment would still allow elected state lawmakers to determine who gets the legal benefits of marriage but would prevent them from defining marriage as anything other than the union of a man and woman.
- Unelected, unaccountable judges should not be able to overturn the legal definition of marriage that has stood for more than 200 years.

For more information on the Federal Marriage Amendment, contact the office of Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO) at 202-225-4676.

The text of the Federal Marriage Amendment (H.J.Res. 56) is as follows: *Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution or the constitution of any State, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups.*